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1. POLITICAL OFFICER DISCUSSED CSCE IMPLEMENTATION WITH MFA COUNSELOR MCKERNAN AND COVERED ALL OF THE POINTS IN THE REFTEL. MCKERNAN SAID THAT IRISH HAVE NOT BEEN ACTIVE ON A BILATERAL BASIS BUT ARE WORKING THROUGH THE EC WORKING GROUP ON CSCE. THE WORKING GROUP IS MEETING FREQUENTLY, HAD SIX MEETINGS IN ROME AND WILL SHORTLY HAVE ITS SECOND MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG.

2. THE WORKING GROUP IS PREPARING A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE FINAL ACT, WHICH CONTAINS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE EC. MCKERNAN SHOWED THE POLOFF THE VOLUME PRODUCED SO FAR ON PART OF BASKET ONE, AND IT IS INDEED EXHAUSTIVELY DETAILED. EACH SMALL POINT IS ANALYZED UNDER A) WHAT THE EASTERN SIDE MEANT TO ACCOMPLISH, B) WHAT THE WESTERN SIDE MENT TO ACCOMPLISH, C) COMMENTS ON IMPLEMENTATION, AND D) WHAT "OUR" (I.E. THE EC) ATTITUDE SHOULD BE. MCKERNAN SAID THAT THE WHOLE ANALYSIS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY MID-MARCH AND WILL THEN BE TURNED OVER TO THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS, AT WHICH POINT THE WORKING GROUP WILL TURN ITS HAND MORE CLOSELY TO THE MECHANICS AND DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION. MCKERNAN SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW VIRTUALLY NO THOUGHT IN IEO EC HAD BEEN GIVEN YET TO THE NUMBER, LENGTH, ETC. OF TOU 1977 FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS, BUT HE SAID "OBVIOUSLY THE MAIN SUBSTANCE OF SUCH MEETINGS MUST BE IMPLEMENTATION."

3. ON THE BILATERAL SIDE THE IRISH HAVE SUCH TENUOUS RELATIONS WITH THE EAST THAT IMPLEMENTATION IS NOT AN ACTIVE AFFAIR. THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE AN APPROACH SINCE HELSINKI TO CONCLUDE A CULTURAL AGREEMENT,

BUT CSCE WAS NOT MENTIONED DURING THE APPROACH. THIS CULTURAL AGREEMENT "IS NOT A PRIORITY ITEM" FOR THE OVERWORKED AND UNDER-STAFFED LEGAL SECTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THE ONLY SPECIFIC
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IRISH IMPLEMENTATION HE FORESEES WOULD COME IN THE AREA OF THE ARGUMENT WITH BRITAIN ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT BETWEEN IRELAND AND THE UK. OBVIOUSLY THE BRITISH AND IRISH MUST THUS SYNCHRONIZE ANY BILATERAL AGREEMENTS THEY MAKE ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITH THE EAST

AS ENTRY TO IRELAND IS IPSO FACTO ENTRY TO THE UK AND VICE VERSA.
HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS WILL POSE MUCH OF A PROBLEM. CURLEY

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